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1810-25/1850-51

738-722 S. Charles St. (West side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

738 and 722 S. Charles St. (the two corner houses) are the oldest houses on this side of the 700 block of S. Charles St., having been built in the period between 1810 and 1825, or perhaps earlier. 738 S. Charles St. is two and a half stories in height, four bays wide on S. Charles St. and two bays wide on W. Montgomery St., with a dormer window facing both streets. The first floor area most recently served as a local grocery and there is a late, corner storefront entrance set diagonally to the corner of S. Charles and Montgomery Streets. 722 S. Charles St. is a two and a half story, two bay wide brick house built by a local house carpenter, Thomas Hollingsworth, that shows the one room deep floor plan used in the earliest Federal-style houses built in the area. The remaining houses on the street are all three stories in height and two bays wide. All were originally built with gable roofs, like the present-day 734, 732, 730, 726, and 724 S. Charles St., but 728 and 736 S. Charles St. were remodeled after the Civil War in the currently fashionable Italianate style and now have shed roofs and bracketed cornices. This group of three story houses was built in 1850-1851 to serve as combination storefront/residences for the increasing number of small shopkeepers moving into the area to meet the needs of the growing population.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

722 S. Charles St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED

☒ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☒ OTHER: restoration contemplated

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

Liber #:

Folio #:

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This 2 1/2 story brick house stands at the southwest corner of Charles and Little Hughes St. The main structure is two bays wide along Charles St. and extends back on Hughes St. two bays. A two story addition runs back along Hughes St. an additional three bays. The house is free-standing on its lot, being flanked by a 5' wide alley on its south side and Hughes St. on its north side.

The 2 1/2 story house is 14' wide and extends back on its lot about 40'. The main structure is constructed in Flemish bond; the addition extending to the west is built in common bond. The steeply pitched gable roof has its original seamed tin covering and a single dormer window with plain pediment. A square brick chimney with a molded brick top rises along the south side of the house. A second, larger rectangular chimney abuts the western end wall of the addition. There is a simple brick cornice. The first and second story door and window openings of the main structure are surmounted by flat stone lintels. The second story windows still have their original wood sills, but those of the first floor have been replaced by a row of brick headers. The window openings of the Hughes St. facade are framed by plain brick header lintels and sills. No original sash remains and the openings are either boarded or empty. The house sits on a very low basement, the entrance practically flush with the street level. The cellar bulkhead is located within the sidewalk, under the first floor front window.

The floor plan of 722 S. Charles St. suggests that the original house was only about 18' deep and consisted of only one room on the first and second floors, in addition to the room under the roof dormer. Both of these first and second floor rooms had a fireplace. At present partition walls of relatively recent date divide the original first and second floor rooms into two small rooms each, and obscure the original fireplaces. The stairs apparently originally rose from the southwest corner of the first floor room, as that is their position now on the second floor. Today the stairs are located in the three bay addition, in a wide stair hall connecting the main house to a large room on the west which must have been the kitchen to judge from its still intact wide kitchen fireplace. The stairs are not of the tightly winding sort associated with houses of this type. They ascend to the second floor in a single straight course parallel with Charles St. and probably date from the post-Civil War era. The kitchen wing beyond the stair hall is now divided into two room by a modern partition wall. Its original 4' high vertical wainscoting is still intact. On the second floor the room over the kitchen is undivided. Its west-end-wall fireplace still exists but a chair rail that appears to have extended around the room is gone.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1800-1804

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Thomas Hollingsworth

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house is important for being one of the few surviving early nineteenth century houses in the Federal Hill area. It was built on ground leased by John Eager Howard in 1794 to a Joseph Lawrence who apparently never improved his leasehold.<sup>1</sup> Thomas Hollingsworth, a carpenter, seems to have been living at this location in 1804, and continued to do so through the 1820's.<sup>2</sup> It seems probable that Hollingsworth also built a row of similar houses around the corner from this house on Hughes St., which have now been demolished but appear on early maps and Bird's Eye Views.

The house is typical of the kind of working class dwelling built in the Federal Hill area in the early nineteenth century, with its original small rooms with fireplaces on each floor and rear kitchen addition. Both interior and exterior details are extremely simple. The house has recently been sold by the City to a private owner and hopefully will soon be restored.

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber WG 00, Folio 133

<sup>2</sup>Baltimore City Directory, 1804, 1824, 1827

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

2/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

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STATE

Maryland 21204

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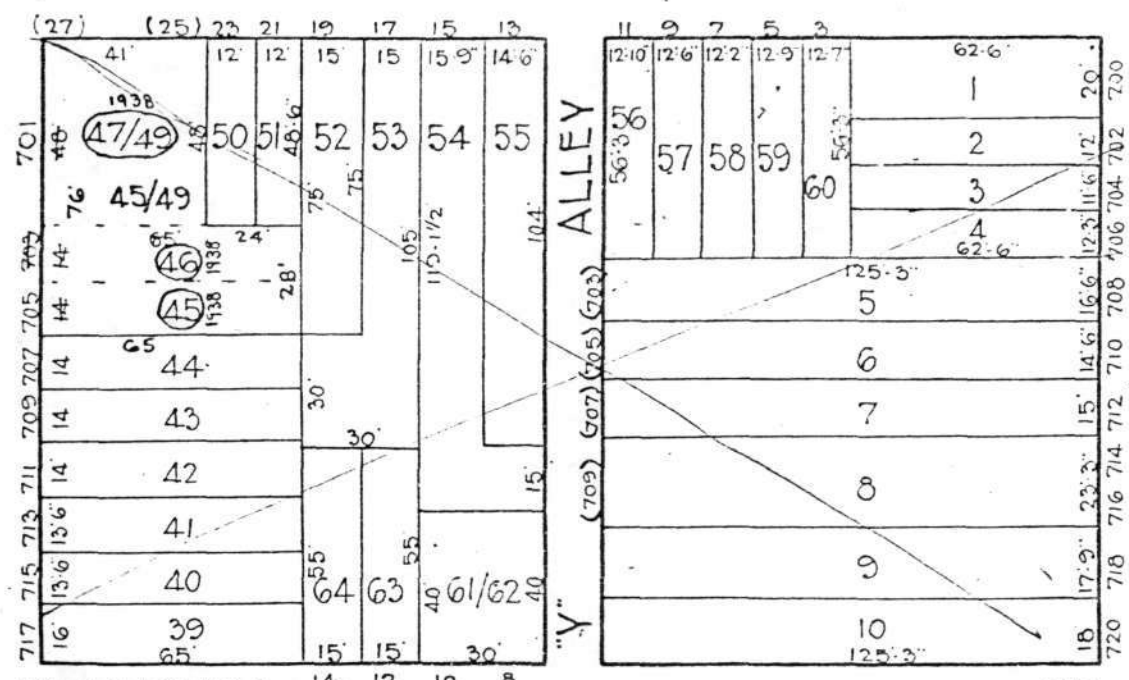
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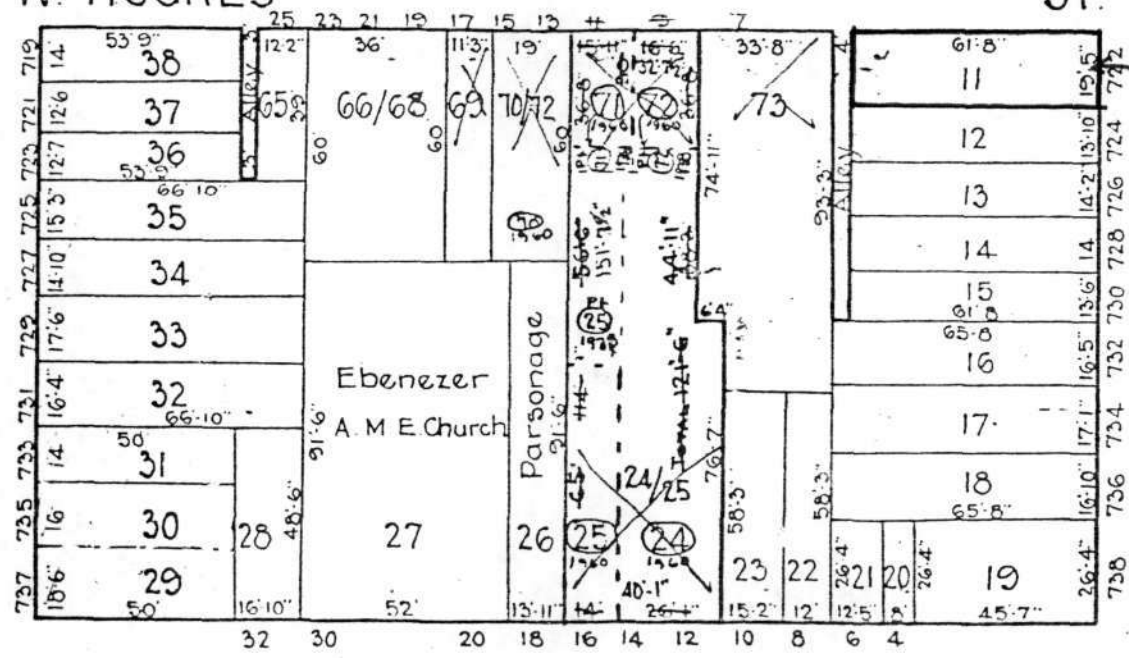


ST.

W. HUGHES

ST.

S. HANOVER



S. CHARLES

W. MONTGOMERY

ST.



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722 S. Charles Street  
Block 0895 Lots 011  
Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.







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East and north elevations